to explore the possibilities of boosting up the Indo-Austrian trade; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the discussions held between the visiting delegation and their Indian counterparts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) An Austrian delegation visited India between 27th January and 3rd February, 1988. The delegation was sponsord by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and discussed with representatives of Indian Commerce and industry possibilities for expanding technology transfer, joint ventures and trade between the two countries.

Amendment of the new textile policy

783. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers in the textile industry are agitative against "irrational textile policy" that has led to the closure of 55 mills in the country and unemployment for 72,000 workers besides smuggling of textiles on a large scale; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any amendment in the new textile policy as to ensure growth of all sectors in the industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government are aware of protests made by the textile workers.

(b) There is no proposal to alter the present textile policy, since it contains may significant features aimed at the integrated and harmonious development of all sectors of the textile industry.

Recommendations of Deshmukh Committee and Ashok Nath Committee

784. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Deshmukh Committee and the Ashok Nath Committee which had investigated into the security lapses by Delhi Police Officers in protecting the Prime Minister on October 2, 1986 and what action has been taken on the recommendations of the two Committees; and

(b) what are the reasons for setting up a third Committee headed by Shri R. N. Palit on the same issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary was constituted by the abinet Secretariat to go into the incident involving an attempt on the life of the Prime Minister at Raj Ghat on 2nd October, 1986. In the light of the recommendations made by the Committee appropriate steps were taken to tighten the security for the VVIPs.

No Committee known as Ashok Nath Committee or R. N. Palit Committee has been set up in this regard. However, Shri R. N. Palit, Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against crtain officers who have been charge sheeted with departmental enquiry for lapses in the security arrangements at Raj Ghat on the 2nd October, 1986.